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**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
*of the*  
**OFFICERS**  
*of the*  
**TOWN of BENNINGTON**  
**New Hampshire**



*For The Year Ending Jan. 31*

**1945**



# ANNUAL REPORTS

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of

**BENNINGTON, N. H.**

TOGETHER WITH REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31,

**1945**



ALSO VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

**DECEMBER 31, 1944**

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**TOWN OFFICERS****Selectmen**

HARRY W. BROWN  
ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
LAWRENCE J. PARKER

**Town Clerk**

JOHN H. LINDSAY

**Town Treasurer**

ARTHUR F. BELL

**Road Agent**

HERBERT E. WILSON

**Tax Collector**

JAMES H. BALCH

**Library Trustees**

P. J. KENNEALLY  
JOHN P. WESTON  
PHILIP E. KNOWLES

**Trustees of Trust Funds**

FRIEDRIKA L. EDWARDS  
EDITH L. LAWRENCE  
HENRY W. WILSON

**Overseer of Poor**

HENRY W. WILSON

Janitor of Town Hall

HARRY S. DUNBAR

Sexton

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR

Water Commissioners

HARRY W. BROWN

J. FRED MILES

LAWRENCE J. PARKER

Superintendent of Water Works

J. FRED MILES

Firewards

HARRY S. DUNBAR

J. FRED MILES

PERLEY J. WARREN

Chief Forest Fire Warden

HENRY W. WILSON

Supervisors of Check List

HENRY W. WILSON

LEON MESSER

PHILIP E. KNOWLES

HERBERT A. CURTIS

J. FRED MILES

Moderator

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery

HARRY W. BROWN

GEORGETTA BRYER

HENRY W. WILSON

Trustees of Sunnyside Cemetery

JOHN P. WESTON  
HENRY W. WILSON

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

ERNEST E. WILSON  
LAWRENCE J. PARKER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED A. KNIGHT

Auditors

MAURICE C. NEWTON  
EDWARD C. BLACK

Dog Constable

EDWARD E. FRENCH

Chief of Police

HARRY S. DUNBAR

Constable

ARTHUR R. SHELDON

Special Police

EDWARD E. FRENCH  
LORENZO G. SMITH  
STEVE YOKOVAKOS

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall, in said Bennington on TUESDAY, the THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

3 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

4 To see if the Town will accept State Aid for Class V Roads, and raise and appropriate money for same.

5 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary, in anticipation of taxes.

6 To see what action the Town will take in regard to real estate taken over by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

7 To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire.

8 To see if the Town will vote to buy 100 feet of 2½ inch hose and 100 feet of 1½ inch hose and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Evergreen Cemetery.

10 To see if the Town will support United States membership in a general system of international cooperation, such as that proposed at the Dunbarton Oaks Conference, having police power to maintain the peace of the world.

11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finish the Town Clock.

12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to paint the Town Hall outside.

13 To see what sum of money the Town will raise for statutory requirements and to carry the articles, and appropriations of the School District into effect.

14 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five.

HARRY W. BROWN  
LAWRENCE J. PARKER  
Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRY W. BROWN  
LAWRENCE J. PARKER  
Selectmen of Bennington

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Bennington, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the Ninth day of March, 1945, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1 To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2 To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3 To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 4 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5 To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
- 6 To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7 To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
- 8 To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the

payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

9 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington, this 20th day of February, 1945.

DORIS M. PARKER  
MARTHA L. WESTON  
ANNIE S. LINDSAY  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest

DORIS M. PARKER  
MARTHA L. WESTON  
ANNIE S. LINDSAY  
School Board

## BUDGET FOR TOWN OF BENNINGTON—1945

Sources of Revenue	Actual	Estimated	Incr.	Decr.
	Revenue Previous Yr 1944	Revenue Ensuing Yr 1945		

### FROM STATE:

Interest and Dividends				
Tax	\$1043 39	\$1043 39		
Railroad Tax	93 60	93 60		
Savings Bank Tax	344 08	344 08		

### FROM LOCAL SOURCES

#### EXCEPT TAXES:

Rent of Town Hall and				
Other Buildings	293 85	293 85		
Interest Received on Taxes				
and Deposits	9 41	9 41		
Income of Departments:				
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	22 50	128 00	105 50	
Income from Municipally				
owned Utilities:				
(a) Water Depts.	1649 18	1649 18		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	376 05	376 05		

### FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER

#### THAN PROPERTY TAXES:

(a) Poll Taxes	496 00	496 00		
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM				
ALL SOURCES EXCEPT				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$4328 06	\$4434 56		

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED				
BY PROPERTY TAXES	25090 40	22358 22		

TOTAL REVENUES	\$29418 46	\$26792 78	\$105 50	
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Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expend.	Estimated Expend.	Previous Ensuing Yr 1945	Incr.	Decr.
Yr 1944			Yr 1945		

Current Maintenance Expenses:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 970 00	\$ 970 00			
Town Officers' Expenses	539 97	539 97			
Election and Registration expenses	159 25	60 00		99 25	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1078 97	800 00		278 97	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department	279 38	275 00		4 38	
Fire Department	491 68	500 00		8 32	

HEALTH:

Health Department, including hospitals	73 89	73 89			
Vital Statistics	11 50	11 50			

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

Town Maintenance	2316 73	2700 00	383 27		
Street Lighting	861 63	939 96	78 33		
General Expenses of Highway Department	380 14	380 14			
Town Road Aid	179 25	178 65		60	

LIBRARIES:

Libraries	200 00	200 00			
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PUBLIC WELFARE:

Town Poor	174 95	1000 00	825 05		
Old Age Assistance	501 73	650 00	148 27		

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:

Memorial Day and other celebrations	50 00	50 00			
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Purposes of Expenditures	Yr 1944	Actual	Estimated	Incr.	Decr.
		Expend.	Expend.		
		Previous	Ensuing		
<b>RECREATION:</b>					
Parks and Playgrounds, including band concerts		30 70	30 70		
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</b>					
Municipally owned Water and Electric Utilities	1613 19	1613 19			
<b>INTEREST:</b>					
On Long Term Notes	360 00	310 00		50 00	
Indebtedness:					
Payment on Principal of Debt:					
(b) Long Term Notes	1000 00	1000 00			
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:					
County Taxes	4564 78	4564 78			
Payments to School Districts	9056 46	9945 00	888 54		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$24894 20</b>	<b>\$26792 78</b>	<b>\$2331 78</b>	<b>\$433 20</b>	

## INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

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Description of Property	Valuation
Land and Buildings	\$364,435 00
Growing Wood and Timber	20,425 00
Electric Plants	7,053 00
Horses, 17	1,575 00
Cows, 77	7,480 00
Other Neat Stock, 5	315 00
Sheep and Goats, 5	50 00
Hogs, 2	50 00
Fowls, 4,645	6,973 00
Vehicles, 10	3,500 00
Portable Mills, 2	160 00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	375 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 10	825 00
Stock in Trade	220,100 00
Mills and Machinery	370,300 00
 Total Valuation	 \$1,003,616 00
Poll Taxes—Regular, 250 at \$2.00	500 00
Poll Taxes—Special, 261 at \$3.00	783 00
Amount of taxes for local purposes to be committed to collector including town and precinct taxes, regular poll taxes and national bank stock taxes	\$25,590 40
Special Poll Taxes	783 00
 Total Taxes to be Committed to Collector	 \$26,373 40
Average rate of taxation per \$100 valuation for all purposes	\$2 50
Amount property valuation exempted to soldiers	\$3,600 00

HARRY W. BROWN  
ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
LAWRENCE J. PARKER  
Selectmen of Bennington.

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES

ASSESSED, 1944

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,020 00
Town officers' expenses	511 21
Election and registration expenses	120 00
Town Hall and Buildings	825 81
Police Department	245 88
Fire Department	500 00
Auto Permits	52 75
Health Department	68 91
Town Maintenance	2,700 00
Special Bridge Appropriation	500 00
Class V Roads	89 22
Monadnock Region	50 00
Street Lighting	939 96
General expenses of Highway Department	259 42
Water Works	2,500 00
Libraries	200 00
Old Age Assistance	400 00
Town Poor	500 00
Memorial Day	50 00
Parks and Playgrounds, inc. Band Concerts	39 30
Water	1,636 55
Interest	360 00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000 00
County Tax	4,564 78
School Tax	9,718 00
 Total Town and School Appropriations	 \$28,851 79

## Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$1,018 94
Railroad Tax	92 41
Savings Bank Tax	440 29
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	424 47
Rent of Town Property	301 90
Water and Electric Depts.	1,706 94
Filing fees	18 00

Total Revenues and Credits	\$4,002 95
	\$24,848 84

Plus Overlay	741 56
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$25,590 40
Less Regular Poll Taxes at \$2.00	500 00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$25,090 40
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$25,090 40
Regular Polls at \$2.00	500 00
Total Taxes—Town and Precinct	\$25,590 40
Special Poll Taxes at \$3.00	783 00
Total Taxes to be Committed	\$26,373 40
Tax Rate \$25.00 per \$1,000	

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date May 22, 1944

HARRY W. BROWN  
ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
LAWRENCE J. PARKER  
Selectmen of Bennington.

<b>TOWN OF BENNINGTON</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
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<b>ASSETS</b>
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<b>Cash:</b>	
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In hands of treasurer	\$12,286 11
J. H. Lindsay, Town Clerk	
Dog Tax	3 00

<b>Accounts Due to the Town:</b>	
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Bounties	45 50
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<b>Other bills due Town:</b>	
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U. S. Engineers Div. Forest Fire	20 30
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<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>	
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(a) Levy of 1944	125 50
(b) Levy of 1943	18 53

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$12,498 94</b>
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<b>Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)</b>	<b>5,605 10</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$18,104 04</b>
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<b>Net Debt—January 31, 1944</b>	<b>7,686 68</b>
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<b>Net Debt—December 31, 1944</b>	<b>5,605 10</b>
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<b>Decrease of Debt</b>	<b>\$ 2,081 58</b>
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Purpose for which debt was created: Water Works.

SHEET

December 31, 1944

## LIABILITIES

## Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding, J. H. Balch, overturnin	\$ 8 53
J. Fred Miles, overturnin	2 00
J. H. Lindsay, overturnin	10
Special \$3.00 Poll Taxes	
uncollected	21 00
collected	9 00
Due to Lake Appropriation	200 00
Due to Water Works Appropriations	
(2)	4,300 00
Due to School District:	
(a) Dog licenses	152 66
(b) Balance of Appro- priation	5,218 00
Due to Civilian Defense	192 75
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Water Notes	8,000 00
 Total Liabilities	 \$18,104 04
 Grand Total	 \$18,104 04

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Description	Value
1 Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$10,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
2 Libraries, lands and buildings	6,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,000 00
3 Police Department, lands and buildings	400 00
Equipment	100 00
4 Fire Department, equipment	8,300 00
5 Highway Department, lands and buildings	1,000 00
Equipment	5,975 00
6 Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	100 00
7 Water Supply, if owned by town	35,000 00
9 Schools, lands and buildings	40,000 00
Equipment	5,000 00
11 Lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	1,800 00
	250 00
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$116,425 00</b>

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

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We have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Supt. of Water Works, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Library Trustees, Cemeteries, and present Town Clerk and find them correct and properly vouched for. The above accounts have been arranged in accordance with the Uniform Classification of the Tax Commission.

MAURICE C. NEWTON  
EDWARD C. BLACK

**Auditors.**

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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**February 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945**

Dog Licenses	\$168 36
Less Clerk's fees and dog tags	18 70
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	\$149 66
Auto Permits	376 05
Turned in to Town Treasurer	<hr/> \$525 71

JOHN H. LINDSAY,  
Town Clerk.

**MEMORIAL DAY REPORT**

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Received from Town Treasurer	\$50 00
Paid for speakers	\$15 00
Donald Powers bill	8 90
Auto and telephone	1 50
Dedication committee	9 50
For flags	8 50
Misc. expense	6 60
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	\$50 00

**HENRY W. WILSON  
Treasurer S. of V.**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT****Uncollected Polls, 1943**

Violet Frazer, paid in Greenfield	\$2 00
Mrs. Clifford Bean, abated	2 00
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	\$4 00

**Uncollected 1943 Property Taxes**

Arthur Handy Est.	\$13 08
William Thompson	5 45
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	\$18 53

**Uncollected 1944 Polls**

Louis Champney	\$5 00
Alfred Champney, paid Jan. 20, 1945	5 00
Charles Rich	5 00
Otis Wilber	5 00
Phyllis Wilber	5 00
Ila Newhall	5 00
Jessie Adams	5 00

**Uncollected 1944 Property Taxes**

Calvin A. Brown, abated	\$25 00
Robert J. Handy	5 25
Abbie Hanslie	17 50
Horace Hooper	43 75
Lorenzo Smith	5 25
Carrie Smith	12 50

Otis Wilber	7 50
Phyllis Wilber	1 25
Arthur Handy Est.	20 00
William Thompson	6 25
Charlie Wells	6 25
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	\$150 50

1944 Property Tax	\$25090 40
Added Property Tax in 1/2 cts.	14
1944 Polls	1283 00
1944 Added Polls, 5	25 00
1943 Property and Polls	305 71
1943 Polls added	8 00
1943 Interest	5 02
1944 Interest	3 86
Due J. H. Balch, overturn in	8 53
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	\$26,729 66

Paid Treas., 1944 Property Taxes	\$24492 49
Paid Treas., 1944 Polls	1273 00
Uncollected Polls	35 00
1943 Property and Polls	299 18
1943 Paid elsewhere and abated	4 00
1943 Uncollected	18 53
1943 Interest collected	5 02
1944 Interest collected	4 39
1944 Uncollected and abated	150 50
1944 Discounts	447 55
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	\$26729 66

## RECEIPTS

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**Current Revenue:**

**From Local Taxes:**

Total taxes committed to collector,  
 1944 \$25,090 54  
 Less discounts and  
 abatements, 1944 472 55  
 Less uncollected, 1944 125 50

1	Property taxes, current year, actually collected	\$24,492 49
2	Poll taxes, current year, @ \$2, actually collected	496 00
3	Poll taxes, current year, Special @ \$3, actually collected	777 00
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5	Total of current year's collections	\$25,765 49
6	Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	299 18

**From State:**

9	Interest and dividend tax	1,043 39
10	Railroad tax	93 60
11	Savings bank tax	344 08
15	Bounties	45 70

**From Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

18	Dog Licenses	149 66
21	Rent of town hall	293 85
22	Interest received on taxes	9 41
25	Income from Water Works	1,649 18
27	Registration of motor vehicles: 1944-45 Permits	376 05

\$ 4,004 92

## Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

38	Tractor	\$22 50
39	Filing Fees	24 00
40	H. S. Dunbar, toll calls	11 91
41	H. S. Dunbar, stove	2 00
42	Ralph Panerase, scrap iron	20 00
43	Town of Hancock, fire	25 00
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		\$ 105 41
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$30,175 00
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Cash on hand February 1, 1944		7,902 06
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Grand Total		\$38,077 06

## **PAYMENTS**

#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

### General Government;

1	Town officers' salaries	\$ 970 00
2	Town officers' expenses	539 97
3	Election and registration expenses	159 25
5	Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,078 97

## Protection of Persons and Property:

6	Police department, including care of tramps	279	38
7	Fire department, including forest fires	491	68
9	Bounties	45	50

## Health:

11	Health department, including hospitals	73	89
12	Vital statistics	11	50

## Highways and Bridges;

14	Town Road Aid	179	25
15	Town Maintenance, \$2,301.43		
	Tax \$15.30	2,316	73
16	Street lighting and sprinkling	861	63
17	General expenses of Highway Department	380	14
18	Monadnock Region Appropriation	50	00

## Libraries:

18 Libraries 200 00

Public Welfare:		
19 Old age assistance	501	73
20 Town poor	174	95
Patriotic Purposes:		
22 Aid to Memorial Day exercises	50	00
Recreation:		
24 Parks and playgrounds, includ- ing band concerts	30	70
Public Service Enterprises:		
25 Appropriations to water utilities	1,613	19
28 Auto Permits	39	25
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$10,047 71
Interest:		
33 Paid on long term notes	\$ 360	00
Total Interest Payments		\$ 360 00
Indebtedness:		
45 Payments on long term notes	\$1,000	00
Total Indebtedness Payments		\$ 1,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
50 Special Poll Taxes @ \$3 paid to State	\$ 762	00
51 Taxes paid to County	4,564	78
53 Payments to School Districts	9,056	46
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$14,383 24
Total Payments for All Purposes		\$25,790 95
Cash on hand December 31, 1944		12,286 11
Grand Total		\$38,077 06

**CERTIFICATE**

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This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date Feb. 8, 1945

HARRY W. BROWN  
ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
LAWRENCE J. PARKER  
Selectmen of Bennington

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

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### **Detail No. 1—James H. Balch, Taxes**

Property Tax, current year	\$24,492 49
Poll Taxes	1,273 00
Previous years	291 18
Interest	8 88
J. H. Balch, over turn-in	8 53
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	\$26,074 08

### **Detail 2—From State**

Bounties	\$ 45 70
Interest and Dividend Tax	1,043 39
Railroad Tax	93 60
Savings Bank Tax	344 08
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	\$1,526 77

### **Detail 3—Water Works**

J. Fred Miles	\$1,649 18
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### **Detail 4—Dog Licenses**

John H. Lindsay	\$149 66
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**Detail 5—Town Hall**

Harry S. Dunbar	\$293 85
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**Detail 6—Auto Permits**

John H. Lindsay	\$376 05
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**Detail 7—Tractor**

H. E. Wilson	\$22 50
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**Detail 8—General**

Filing Fees	\$24 00
H. S. Dunbar, toll calls	11 91
H. S. Dunbar, stone	2 00
Ralph Panerase, scrap iron	20 00
Town of Hancock, fire	25 00
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	\$82 91
GRAND TOTAL	—————
	\$30,175 09

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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### PAYMENTS

#### Detail No. 1—Town Officers' Salaries

Harry W. Brown, Selectman	\$206 25
Arthur J. Pierce, Selectman	125 00
Lawrence J. Parker, Selectman	168 75
Arthur F. Bell, Town Treasurer	187 50
James H. Balch, Tax Collector	187 50
John H. Lindsay, Town Clerk	75 00
Lawrence J. Parker, Auditor	10 00
Maurice C. Newton, Auditor	10 00
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	\$970 00

#### Detail 2—Town Officers' Expenses

Contoocook Val. Tel. Co., bills	\$ 42 39
Henry W. Wilson, town bonds	114 10
Antrim Reporter printing	220 75
Arthur R. Sheldon, stamps	14 00
State of New Hampshire, law books	25 00
Messenger Pub. Co., printing	9 35
Edson C. Eastman	10 43
Donat Carriveau, deeds	5 26
Wilfred J. Boisclair, returning names	10
James H. Balch, stamps	9 00
Maxwell Press	29 84

John H. Lindsay, car hire	6 00
Antrim Reporter, printing	9 50
N. H. Water Works Assn., dues	5 00
John H. Lindsay, expenses town clerk	21 00
Arthur Bell, stamps	10 00
L. J. Parker, Tax Com. expenses	6 00
Harry Brown, Tax Com. expenses	2 25
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	\$539 97

### Detail 3—Election and Registration

George E. Edwards, Moderator	\$ 15 00
Philip Knowles, Supervisor	36 25
Henry W. Wilson, Supervisor	33 00
Leon Messer, Supervisor	28 00
Herbert Curtis, ballot inspector	12 00
J. Fred Miles, ballot inspector	12 00
Percy Jenness, ballot inspector	7 50
Mae Cashion, dinners	10 00
Bennington Grange, dinners	5 50
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	\$159 25

### Detail 4—Town Hall

Public Service Co., lights	\$ 73 44
Harry S. Dunbar, janitor service	359 85
C. O. Rockwell, supplies	1 20
Fred Barrows, electric work	1 12
Howard Chase, tuning piano	3 00
Coolidge & Edmunds, supplies	27 70
C. L. Haskell, fire-proofing curtain	200 00
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	165 00
L. D. Smith, wood	8 00
H. E. Wilson, wood and hauling ashes	8 25
Haefeli Fuel Co.	226 49
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	2 72
Harry S. Dunbar, shoveling snow	2 20
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	\$1,078 97

**Detail 5—Police Dept.**

H. S. Dunbar, Police duty	\$ 96 36
L. D. Smith, Police duty	120 20
Steve Yokovakis, Police duty	15 60
Montfort Haslam, services	2 00
Blanchard Associates, Cap	3 67
Edward French, Police duty	37 80
H. W. Wilson, insurance	3 75
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	\$279 38

**Detail 6—Fire Dept.**

Public Service Co., lights	\$11 00
P. J. Shea, payrolls	212 00
H. S. Dunbar, fireward, battery, etc.	97 21
Fred Hurgon, labor	60
Coolidge & Edmunds, supplies	1 60
J. H. Lindsay, gas., etc.	14 19
Blanchard Associates, supplies	5 98
H. W. Wilson, insurance	22 70
H. W. Wilson, brush fires	23 40
Gordon Kimball, insurance	63 00
J. F. Miles, Fireward	20 00
P. J. Warren, Fireward	20 00
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	\$491 68

**Detail 7—Bounties**

Arthur Harrison	\$1 50
Clarence Jones	6 50
Fred Hugron	1 00
Charles Rich	6 50
Harry S. Dunbar	50
Edward Black, Jr.	1 00
Herbert Curtis	2 00
Martha Parker	50

Donald Wheeler	1 50
John Giddings	1 00
Alfred Chase	50
Raymond Cernota	50
Perley J. Warren	6 00
George Weston	1 00
George Spaulding, Jr.	50
Ellerton Edwards	50
James H. Balch	10 00
O. M. Parker	50
Robert Powers	50
Fred Gibson	50
L. J. Parker	50
Olin Newhall	2 00
Richard Cashion	50
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	\$45 50

#### **Detail 8—Town Maintenance**

H. E. Wilson, payrolls	\$2,301 43
Tax	15 30
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	\$2,316 73

#### **Detail 9—Street Lighting**

Public Service Co., lights	\$861 63
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#### **Detail 10—General Maintenance**

Maurice Wilson, driving tractor	\$10 00
Public Service Co., lights	12 40
H. W. Wilson, insurance	63 75
Clarence Rockwell, labor	1 50
Frank Chiesa, labor	24 00
Ora Parker, labor	42 00
Wilton Lumber Co., lumber	32 05

R. Hazleton, blades	21 58
Paul Traxler, wiring	10 86
L. J. Parker, lumber	6 00
Philip Knowles, labor and care of clock	40 00
Howard Clock Co., repairs	116 00
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	\$380 14

#### **Detail 11—Library**

J. P. Weston, library appropriation	\$200 00
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#### **Detail 12—Old Age Assistance**

State of New Hampshire	\$501 73
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#### **Detail 13—Town Poor**

H. W. Wilson, Overseer of Poor and expenses	\$58 85
Mortfort Haslam, services	77 35
L. J. Parker, wood	34 00
Joe Neverett, feeding tramps	4 00
Aaron Edmunds, feeding tramps	75
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	\$174 95

#### **Detail 14—Memorial Day**

H. W. Wilson, appropriation	\$50 00
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#### **Detail 15—Parks and Playgrounds**

Coolidge and Edmunds, supplies	\$16 90
H. S. Dunbar, labor	13 80
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	\$30 70

**Detail 16—Water Works**

J. Fred Miles, Supt. and labor	\$894 25
H. Robertson, labor	7 20
B. & G. Specialty Co., supplies	39 71
East Jaffrey Oil Co., oil	46 80
Messenger Co., printing	7 75
Public Service Co., power	423 20
Wilfred Cody, labor	9 60
Johnson & Barker, supplies	125 88
J. Eaton, labor	7 20
Leon Messer, labor	18 00
George Holmes, labor	13 80
Ed. Newton, labor	19 80
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	\$1,613 19

**Detail 17—Auto Permits**

J. H. Lindsay, auto permits	\$39 25
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**Detail 18—Interest**

Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank, Interest on Water Bonds	\$360 00
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**Detail 19—Long Term Notes**

Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank, Water Note	\$1,000 00
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**Detail 20—County Tax**

County Treasurer, tax	\$4,564 78
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**Detail 21—School District**

Dog Tax	\$ 154 58
Appropriation	8,901 88
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	\$9,056 46
TOTAL	\$25,790 95

**ROAD AGENT'S REPORT****Herbert E. Wilson****Week Ending February 5th, 1944**

Maurice Wilson, 23 hrs.	\$13 80
Herbert Wilson and truck, 15 hrs.	30 00
Herbert Wilson, 10 hrs.	6 50
Town Tractor, 2 hrs.	6 00
Fred Hugron, 4 hrs.	2 40
Herbert Curtis, 4 hrs.	2 40
Herbert Wilson and truck, 7 hrs.	10 85
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	\$71 95

**Week Ending February 12th**

Herbert Curtis, 8 hrs.	\$ 4 80
Herbert Wilson and truck, 28 hrs.	56 00
Maurice Wilson, 28 hrs.	16 80
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	\$77 60

**Week Ending February 19th**

Maurice Wilson, 10½ hrs.	\$ 6 30
Fred Hugron, 7 hrs.	4 20
Herbert Curtis, 34½ hrs.	20 70
Herbert Wilson and truck, 21 hrs.	42 00

Town Tractor, 5½ hrs.	16 50
Herbert Wilson's truck, 24 hrs.	37 20
Herbert Lindsay (greasing plow)	50
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	\$127 40

### Week Ending February 26th

Maurice Wilson, 40 hrs.	\$24 00
Herbert Wilson's truck, 14 hrs.	28 00
Herbert Wilson's truck, 26 hrs.	40 30
Herbert Curtis, 24 hrs.	14 40
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	\$106 70

### Week Ending March 11th

Herbert Wilson's truck, 10 hrs.	\$20 00
Maurice Wilson, 12 hrs.	7 20
Herbert Wilson and truck, 5 hrs.	7 75
John Davy (Breaking Road)	5 00
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	\$39 95

### Week Ending March 18th

Maurice Wilson, 17 hrs.	\$10 20
Herbert Wilson's truck, 6 hrs.	12 00
Herbert Curtis, 5 hrs.	3 00
Herbert Wilson's truck, 11 hrs.	17 05
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	\$42 25

### Week Ending March 25th

Maurice Wilson, 14 hrs.	\$ 8 40
Herbert Wilson and truck, 12 hrs.	24 00
Herbert Curtis, 8 hrs.	4 80

Herbert Wilson and truck, 9½ hrs.	14 73
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	\$51 93

**Week Ending April 1st**

Maurice Wilson, 3 hrs.	\$ 1 80
Herbert Wilson and truck, 12 hrs.	18 60
Herbert Curtis, 8 hrs.	4 80
Fred Johnson (drag plank)	3 00
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	\$28 20

**Week Ending April 8th**

Herbert Curtis, 27 hrs.	\$16 20
Herbert Wilson and truck, 25 hrs.	38 75
Charlie Gleason (labor and parts for road drag)	16 30
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	\$71 25

**Week Ending April 15th**

Herbert Wilson and truck, 16½ hrs.	\$25 58
Herbert Curtis, 16½ hrs.	9 90
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	\$35 48

**Week Ending April 22nd**

Herbert Curtis, 34 hrs.	\$20 40
Herbert Wilson's truck, 32 hrs.	49 60
Newhall Tractor	12 50
Charlie Gleason (labor)	1 00
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	\$83 50

**Week Ending May 6th**

Herbert Curtis, 24 hrs.	\$14 40
Herbert Wilson and truck, 24 hrs.	37 20
Perley Warren	10 00
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	\$61 60

**Week Ending May 13th**

Herbert Wilson and truck, 24 hrs.	\$37 20
Herbert Curtis, 24 hrs.	14 40
Steve Yakovakis, 16 hrs.	9 60
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	\$61 20

**Week Ending May 27th**

Herbert Wilson and truck, 21½ hrs.	\$33 33
Albert Sweeney, 1 hr.	60
John Eaton, 22½ hrs.	13 50
Steve Yakovakis, 22½ hrs.	13 50
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	\$60 93

**Week Ending June 17th**

Herbert Curtis, 16 hours	\$ 9 60
Herbert Wilson and truck, 19½ hrs.	30 23
John Eaton, 1½ hrs.	90
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	\$40 73

**Week Ending July 1st**

Albert Sweeney, 10 hrs.	\$ 6 00
Herbert Wilson and truck, 37 hrs.	57 35
Herbert Curtis, 26 hrs.	15 60
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	\$78 95

**Week Ending September 16th**

Herbert Curtis, 20 hrs.	\$12 00
Herbert Wilson and truck, 20 hrs.	31 00
Leon Messer, 12 hrs.	7 20
Clarence Edmunds (2 scythes @ \$2.19)	4 38
Goodnow & Derby's, 1 padlock	50
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	\$55 08

**Week Ending September 23rd**

Gladys Newhall and truck, 43½ hrs.	\$65 25
Albert Sweeney, 35½ hrs., V-Tax \$2.10	21 30
Leon Messer, 40 hrs., V-Tax \$2.10	24 00
Herbert Wilson and truck, 38½ hrs.	59 68
Tony Kancerwick, 42 hrs., V-Tax \$3.10	25 20
Herbert Curtis, 40 hrs., V-Tax .30	24 00
Barney McAllister, 10 hrs.	6 00
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	\$225 43
V-Tax	7 60
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	\$217 83

**Week Ending September 30th**

Tony Kancerwick, 4 hrs.	\$ 2 40
Herbert Curtis, 40 hrs., V-Tax .30	24 00
Herbert Wilson and truck, 40 hrs.	62 00
Gladys Newhall, 5 hrs.	7 50
Albert Sweeney, 40 hrs., V-Tax \$2.10	24 00
Leon Messer, 8 hrs.	4 80
Perley Warren	25 00
Steve Mahoney, labor	50
Helen Young, 50 yards gravel	5 00
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	\$155 20
V-Tax	2 40
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	\$152 80

**Week Ending November 4th**

Herbert Curtis, 32 hrs., V-Tax .30	\$24 10
John Eaton, 32 hrs., V-Tax .20	19 20
Leon Messer, 24 hrs., V-Tax .10	14 40
Albert Sweeney, 29 hrs., V-Tax \$1.10	17 40
Herbert Wilson and truck, 45 hrs.	69 75
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	\$144 85
V-Tax	1 70
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	\$143 15

**Week Ending November 18th**

Edward Elliott's shovel, 16 hrs.	\$80 00
Leon Messer, 28 hours	16 80
John Eaton, 26 hrs.	15 60
Herbert Wilson and truck, 16 hrs.	38 40
Herbert Wilson and truck, 12 hrs.	18 60
Gladys Newhall and truck, 15 hrs.	36 00
Peterborough Town truck, 8 hrs.	19 20
James Tuttle, 8 hrs.	24 00
Harry Ross, 400 yards gravel	40 00
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	\$288 60

**Week Ending November 25th**

Herbert Curtis, 16½ hrs.	\$ 9 90
Leon Messer, 14 hrs.	8 40
John Eaton, 8 hrs.	4 80
Herbert Wilson and truck, 22 hrs.	34 10
Herbert Curtis, moving rocks	3 00
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	\$60 20
V-Tax for Week of Nov. 18th	1 30
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	\$58 90

**Week Ending December 2nd**

Herbert Curtis, 7 1/2 hrs.	\$ 4 50
Herbert Wilson, 3 hrs.	1 95
Herbert Wilson's truck, 6 hrs.	12 00
Gladys Newhall, 24 yards gravel	2 40
Church, 50 yards gravel	5 00
Charlie Newhall, 30 yards gravel	3 00
Albert Sweeney, 6 hrs.	3 60
Herbert Wilson and truck, 6 hrs.	9 30
Charlie Gleason, bolts and labor	5 00
Herbert Wilson, 16 bolts for tractor	3 20
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	\$49 95

**Week Ending December 16th**

Herbert Curtis, 40 hrs., V-Tax .30	\$24 00
Herbert Wilson and truck, 24 hrs.	37 20
Herbert Wilson's truck, 15 hrs.	30 00
Leon Messer, 22 hrs., V-Tax .10	13 20
Merrimac Farmers' Exchange, 2 tons salt	40 00
B. & M. R. R., freight on snow blades and point	1 20
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	\$145 60
V-Tax	40
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	\$145 20

**Week Ending December 23rd**

Herbert Curtis, 6 hrs.	\$ 3 60
Herbert Wilson and truck, 6 hrs.	9 30
Leon Messer, 5 hrs.	3 00
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	\$15 90

**Week Ending December 30th**

Herbert Curtis, 49 hrs., V-Tax \$1.90	\$29 40
Leon Messer, 16 hrs.	9 60
Herbert Wilson and truck, 16 hrs.	24 80
Herbert Wilson and truck, 33 hrs.	66 00
Gertrude Knight, 50 yards gravel	5 00
H. E. Wilson, telephone and stamps	1 50
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	\$136 30
V-Tax	1 90
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	\$134 40
	\$2,301 43
V-Tax	15 30
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Total	\$2,316 73

ANNUAL REPORT OF  
**TRUST FUNDS**

*Town of Bennington, N.H.*

As Of  
**JANUARY 31, 1945**  
**SHOWING DATE OF CREATION**  
**PURPOSE OF FUND, NAME OF FUND**  
**AND DONOR; HOW INVESTED;**  
**AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL;**  
**INCOME DURING YEAR**  
**AND AMOUNT EXPENDED**

**REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, JANUARY 31, 1945**

Date of Creation	Trust Funds	Purpose of Creation	Name of Fund and Donor	How Funds are Invested		Amount of Principal	Income During Year
				As required by	Chapter 162, Laws of 1915		
Sunnyside Cemetery							
1916	Trustees Trust Funds	A. A. Ramsay	Manchester Savings Bank	\$ 600 00			
1906	G. A. Whitemore	G. A. Whitemore	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00			
1919	Clara R. Whitemore	C. R. Whitemore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00			
1922	Horace Dinsmore	Mabel A. Bryant	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00			
1923	John D & Moody Butler	Mary B. Jameson	N. H. Savings Bank	225 00			
1927	Royal V. Knight	Scott W. Knight	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00			
1932	Chas. F. Burnham	C. F. Burnham	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00			
1934	Bessie W. Call	B. W. Call	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00			
1935	Geo. W. Wilson	Ida B. Ware	Peterborough Savings Bank	75 00			
1935	Betsey R. Brown	Georgietta Bryer	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00			
1936	Nancy Stevens	Nancy Stevens	Peterborough Savings Bank	150 00			
1939	Mary L. Knight	M. L. Knight	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00			
1941	Frank A. Taylor	Grace A. Taylor	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00			
1942	Fred Kimball	Nettie Kimball	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00			
1942	Rodney & Lenora Nichols	Nettie Kimball	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00			
1943	Frank Young	Helen Young	Peterborough Savings Bank	150 00			
1927	Abbie M. Symonds	Abbie M. Symonds	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank	400 00			
1927	Sam'l Abbott	A. Peavy	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank	200 00			
1919	Ann M. Eaton	Ann M. Eaton	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank	100 00			
1937	Chas. H. Kimball	Anne B. Kimball	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank	100 00			
1939	Sam'l Gilman, Lucinda Dodge	M. Hayward, N. Jennison, J. Knight	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank	100 00			

1940	Amos A. Martin Community Club	A. A. Martin heirs Community Club	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank
1940	Anna M. Woodbury	A. M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1905	H. P. Ramsey	A. A. Ramsey	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1906	Abram A. Ramsey	A. A. Ramsey	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1914	C. J. Kimball	C. J. Kimball heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1915	W. S. Carkin	W. S. Carkin	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1916	Augustus W. Gray	A. W. Gray	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1917	W. H. Darrah	Mrs. Sarah Darrah	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1918	Ed. I. Dodge	Mrs. A. M. Dodge	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1921	Wm. L. Taylor	Mrs. Addie T. Carter	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1925	David W. Bell	Mrs. Caroline Crombie	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1928	Harriet Kimball	C. H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1928	Wm. Keith	Wm. Keith	Amoskeag Savings Bank
1930	Mary Knowles	Philip Knowles	Amoskeag Savings Bank
		Library Funds	
1938	Emma E. Gipson		Manchester Savings Bank
1938	Emma E. Gipson		Hillsboro County Savings Bank
1938	Emma E. Gipson		Mechanics Savings Bank
1938	Emma E. Gipson		Loan & Trust Savings Bank
1938	Emma E. Gipson		Union Trust Co.
1938	Emma E. Gipson		N. H. Savings Bank
1938	Emma E. Gipson		Merrimack County Savings Bank
1938	John D. & Mary C. Butler		N. H. Savings Bank
1923	Mary Butler Jameson		Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank
1938			457 50

1913	G. L. Herrick	G. L. Herrick, Est.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	\$32 77
1914	Mrs. A. D. Green	Mrs. A. D. Green	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	32 51
1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney	Mrs. C. M. Whitney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	32 33
1914	C. S. Brown	C. S. Brown	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3 08
1923	Cyrus H. Philbrick	C. H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	5 19
1928	Ann F. Philbrick	C. H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	2 59
1928	Lizzie M. Holt	Lizzie M. Holt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	5 30
1929	Chas. F. Manahan	Chas. F. Manahan	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	2 60
1929	Luke Burt	Sarah Burt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	1 29
1929	John C. Dodge	Mary F. Leavitt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	5 19
1931	Enos Vieno	Enos Vieno	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	2 59
1931	B. D. Brown	Georgietta Breyer	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	1 26
1935	Ellen C. Brown	Ellen C. Brown	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	5 03
1939	Walter Wilson	Mary K. Wilson	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	1 26
1940	Sam'l & Jane Dodge	Nettie Kimball	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	1 26
1942	Thomas Wilson	Margaret Wilson	Hillsboro Guar. Savings Bank	100 00	2 00

All Evergreen money paid to Georgietta Breyer, Trustee.

FRIEDRIKA L. EDWARDS  
EDITH L. LAWRENCE  
Trustees of Trust Funds.

## **SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Cash on hand February 1, 1944	\$155 57
Received from Lenora O'Leary, sale of lot	5 00
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	\$160 57

**Paid Out:**

A. F. Edmunds, bill flowers	\$2 10
Flowers for Abby Symonds lot	1 20
Cooledge and Edmunds, bill, paint	12 75
George Holmes, labor	86 50
L. D. Smith, labor	3 00
K. R. Johnston, repairing lawn mowers	6 00
John Zanga, repairing head stones	10 50
Bank Charges	90
H. W. Wilson, Insurance	6 00
H. W. Wilson, labor	8 25
H. W. Wilson, Sec. and Treas.	5 00
January 1, 1945 Cash on hand	—————
	18 37
	—————
	\$160 57

**HENRY W. WILSON**  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## REPORT ON EVERGREEN CEMETERY

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## Town:

Cash on hand 1944	\$21 74
Sale of lots 29 and 85	10 00
In Peterboro Bank	35 21
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Interest 1944	\$66 95
	1 13
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	\$68 08

## Paid Out:

Sharpening mower	\$2 10
Insurance	4 50
Walter O. Smith	48 60
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Cash on hand	\$55 20
In Peterboro bank	1 54
Interest 1944	10 21
	1 13
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	\$68 08

## Perpetual Care:

Cash on hand 1944	\$ 35 50
Received from the Trust Funds	136 25
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	\$171 75

## Paid Out:

Bowes, flowers	\$24 00
April 19, grass seed	4 50
Sept. 9, grass seed	5 35
Sept. 19, sheep manure	2 00
Walter O. Smith	42 60
G. M. Bryer	3 30
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Cash on hand	\$81 75
	90 00
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	\$171 75

GEORGIETTA M. BRYER

## REPORT OF SEXTON OF BENNINGTON, N. H., from Feb. 1, 1944 to Jan. 1, 1945

Name	Age	DIED	Brought From	Place Interment
	Y.M.D.			
Lawrence Munhall	60 9/24	Feb. 3	Hancock	Evergreen
Charles M. Taylor	63 4/29	May 29		Evergreen
Nina B. Cheney	58 7/21	Sept. 18	Nashua	Evergreen
Flora L. Griswold	73 10/24	Ovt. 28		Evergreen
Mary Jane Scarbo	87 11/23	Nov. 29	Goffstown	Evergreen
Guy H. Veino	51 5/10	Dec. 13		Evergreen

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR, Sexton.

**REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT FOR 1944**

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Collected for 1940	\$ 3 40
Collected for 1941	4 50
Collected for 1944	1596 42
Supplies Sold	44 86
 Total Collections	 \$1649 18
 Paid to Town Treasurer	 \$1649 18

100% Collected for 1944 and all Accounts settled to date.

**J. FRED MILES**  
Collector.

**RECORD OF THE PUMPING STATION FOR 1944**

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	Power	Attendance	Hours	No. Gals.
Jan.	\$62 20	\$15 50	102	630,450
Feb.	\$68 60	\$14 00	184	1,177,410
Mar.	42 20	15 50	192	1,139,450
April	18 00	8 50	None	None
May	18 00	None	None	None
June	18 00	None	None	None
July	18 00	None	None	None
Aug.	78 20	15 50	358½	2,332,190
Sept.	18 00	4 00	96	619,640
Oct.	18 00	None	None	None
Nov.	18 00	15 00	None	None
Dec.	18 00	15 50	None	None
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$395 20</b>	<b>\$103 50</b>	<b>932½</b>	<b>* 5,899,040</b>

**J. FRED MILES**  
**Supt. of Water Dept.**

**TOWN HALL REPORT, YEAR 1944**

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Month	Rent Receipts	Janitors' Fees
February	35 75	32 75
March	21 00	31 75
April	27 00	36 20
May	20 00	18 50
June	20 00	18 50
July	42 20	59 00
August	38 20	47 00
September	20 00	14 00
October	25 00	20 00
November	20 60	33 00
December	24 10	32 00
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	\$293 85	\$342 70

HARRY S. DUNBAR,  
Janitor.

## **FIRE WARDENS' REPORT**

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December, 1944

### **Equipment:**

#### **Engine No. 1**

500-gallon pumper with 150 gallon booster tank; 1650 feet of two and one-half inch hose; 150 feet of one inch hose for booster tank; one hand extinguisher; one foam-type extinguisher; one extension and one roof ladder; smoke-mask and first aid kit.

#### **Engine No. 2**

75-gallon pump with 135-gallon booster tank; 150 feet of one inch hose; 700 feet of one and one-half inch hose; 3 ladders; 4 extinguishers; shovels, smoke-mask and first aid kit.

### **Other Equipment**

Three long ladders; 16 Indian Fire Back Pumps; 24 shovels.

### **Fires from January 30, 1944 to December 28, 1944**

17 chimney fires.

1 grass fire.

2 fires at town dump.

2 building and house fires.

1 call to Hancock for barn fire.

A large percent of these fires were telephoned in.

The fire alarm boxes are located one at the Town Hall and one at the Drug Store; open door, pull hook down once and let go; signals as follows:

12 or 6 blasts for fire.

1 blast for meeting, first Monday of each month at 6.45 P. M.

2 blasts for No School at 8.00 A. M.

1 long blast to shut off water.

Alarms may be telephoned in to Antrim 16-2.

The fire company consists of 3 firewards and 20 men.

The Firewards would suggest that the town purchase 100 feet of two and one-half inch hose for Engine No. 1.

If all persons having hand chemicals belonging to the town will bring them to the fire station we will refill or exchange them. These chemicals should be refilled once a year.

HARRY S. DUNBAR  
J. FRED MILES  
Firewards.

**REPORT OF TREASURER OF G. E. P. DODGE  
LIBRARY**

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**Receipts**

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1944	\$836 32
Town of Bennington, Appropriation	200 00
Emma Bartlett, librarian, fines	10 53
Total Receipts	<b>\$1046 85</b>

**Expenditures**

Transcript Printing Co., cards, paper 1 yr.	\$19 00
Harry Dunbar, janitor services, supplies, wood	82 90
Public Service Co., lights	42 40
New England News Co., books	100 84
Emma Bartlett, librarian	250 00
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	50 49
American Girl Magazine, Sub. 1 yr.	2 00
Harper's Magazine, Sub. 1 yr.	4 00
D. C. Heath Co., books	10 93
Harry F. Pierce, repairing clock	6 50
McGraw Hill Book Co., books	51 59
Walter Cleary, box rent	1 60
Readers' Digest Asso., Sub. 2 yrs.	5 00
Time Magazine, Sub. 3 yrs.	10 00
First National Stores, light bulbs	1 92
Haefeli Fuel & Ice Co., 190 gals. oil	18 62
Orvel B. Pierce Co., labor and supplies	46 95
Herbert E. Wilson, wood	20 00
Jack and Jill Magazine, Sub. 2 yrs.	4 00
Fred Bartlett, labor	22 00
Total Expenditures	<b>\$750 74</b>
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1944	296 11
	<b>\$1046 85</b>
	J. PRENTISS WESTON, Treasurer.

Approved:

Rev. P. J. Kenneally  
Philip E. Knowles

**REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE G. E. P. DODGE  
LIBRARY**

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Hours Open: 2-4.30, 6.30-8.30 P. M.

**TRUSTEES**

J. Prentiss Weston, Treasurer

Rev. P. J. Kenneally	Philip E. Knowles
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Books bought 1944	85
Magazines by subscription	9
Peterborough Transcript	1
Books numbered for circulation	5,636
Borrowers	236
Circulation	3,756
Non-Fiction 656      Fiction 1,491      Junior 1,609	
On hand, February 1, 1944	\$ 1 53
From Fines	10 00
Paid J. Prentiss Weston, Treasurer	10 53
On hand	1 00

Books by Gift:	29
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Eleanor Aharn, New York	
Madalyn Chase	
Reginald Call, New York	
Edwina Knight	
Food	Chicago
Arthur Harrison	
Philip E. Knowles	
Elizabeth McLaughlin	
Arthur Johnson Pierce	
Proctor and Gamble, Cincinnati	
Delbert Sargent	
Evelyn Sudsbury	
Donald Wheeler	

Magazines by subscription: Activities, American Girl, Digest, Geographic, Harper's, Jack and Jill, Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, Time.

Magazines by Gift: Amy Doe, Mary Eaton, Amy Flagg, Anna Lindsay, Ellen McGlory, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Netherlands Digest, New York, Paul Traxler, Troubadour, Concord.

Other Gifts: Polnphemu Moth; Mrs. Michael Powers.

EMMA G. BARTLETT,  
Librarian.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BENNINGTON  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944**

**Administration**

**1 Salaries of District Officers**

Martha L. Weston, School Board	\$34 30
Doris M. Parker, School Board	25 00
Annie S. Lindsay, School Board	15 00
Mary K. Wilson, Treasurer	35 00
George E. Edwards, Moderator	2 50
J. Prentiss Weston, Clerk	2 50
Frieda L. Edwards, Auditor	2 50

**\$116 80**

**2 Superintendent's Excess Salary**

Caroll Johnson, Treasurer of Supervisory Union No. 24	\$175 32
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**\$175 32**

**3 Truant Officer and Census**

Frieda L. Edwards, taking School census	\$7 00
Frieda L. Edwards, services as Truant Officer	3 00

**\$10 00**

## 4 Expenses of Administration

Howard F. Mason, Superintendent's expenses	\$ 6 51
Annie S. Lindsay, Secretary's record book	2 50
Mary K. Wilson, Treasurer's expenses	3 39
Henry W. Wilson, Treasurer's bond	5 00
First National Bank, Hillsboro, activity charge	2 50
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	\$19 90

## Instruction

## 5 Principal's and Teachers' Salaries

Ruth P. Cody	\$ 930 00
Lulu M. Cilley	1,034 00
Mae Cashion	1,020 55
Katherine Shea, Music Supervisor	275 00
Frieda L. Edwards, substitute	12 50
Mary K. Wilson, substitute	10 00
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	\$3,282 05
Collector of Internal Revenue, Tax withheld	\$ 453 20

## 6 Textbooks

Scott Foresman & Co.	\$ 27 99
Wilcox and Follett	11 44
Ginn and Co.	3 76
Silver Burdett Co.	2 35
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	\$ 45 54

## 7 Scholars' Supplies

Ginn and Co.	\$ 5 72
Hammett Co.	23 23

Hectographic Co.	1 93
World Book Co.	5 32
Gledhill Brothers	19 37
Edward E. Babb Co.	53 41
Wilcox & Follett	2 55
R. E. Lane	90
Beckley Cardy Co.	3 40
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	\$ 115 83

## 8 Flags and Appurtenances

Mrs. Harry S. Dunbar, repairing flag	\$ 1 00
Harry S. Dunbar, fasteners	30
Coolidge & Edmunds, flag	6 00
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	\$ 7 30

## 9 Other Expenses of Instruction

Civic Education Services	\$10 20
American Education Press	25 20
The Grade Teacher	5 00
F. E. Compton Co., Encyclopedia	80 75
World Book Company	11 32
Oval & Koster, diplomas	9 90
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	\$ 142 37

**Operation and Maintenance of School Plant**

10 Janitors' Salary	\$647 00
Fred Hugron	3 60
Collector of Internal Revenue	
Tax withheld	2 80
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	\$ 653 40

11	Fuel		
	J. A. Elliott Coal Co.	\$405	74
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			\$ 405 74
12	Water, Light and Janitors' Supplies		
	Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$44	96
	A. T. Goslin, wax	4	50
	Coolidge & Edmunds, wax	9	00
	West Disinfecting Co.,		
	supplies	66	85
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			\$ 125 31
13	Minor Repairs and Expenses		
	Philip E. Knowles, labor	\$18	40
	Harry S. Dunbar, sprinkler	1	75
	Stephen Chase, trucking, labor	3	30
	H. O. Koford, tuning pianos	8	00
	Harry S. Dunbar, repairs	3	50
	Florence Dunbar, repairs	1	00
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			\$ 35 95
14	Health Supervision		
	Margaret Harris, School Nurse		
	supplies and salary	\$212	56
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			\$ 212 56
15	Transportation		
	Forrest Lowe	\$716	00
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			\$ 716 00
16	Payment of Tuition		
	Hillsboro Special School		
	District	\$1,109	38
	Peterborough Supervisory Union	999	83
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			\$2,109 21

**Fixed Charges**

19	Insurance	
	Henry W. Wilson	\$123 22
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		\$ 123 22
20	Other Fixed Charges	
	State Treasurer, per capita tax	\$260 00
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		\$ 260 00
	Total Payments for All Purposes	<hr/>
		\$9,009 70

DORIS M. PARKER  
MARTHA L. WESTON  
ANNIE S. LINDSAY  
School Board of Bennington

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board, all of which we find correct in every respect.

FRIEDA L. EDWARDS  
WALTER D. CLEARY  
Auditors.

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**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BENNINGTON  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944**

Cash on hand June 30, 1943	\$ 239 34
Received from Selectmen, appropriation for current year	8,901 88
Dog Tax	308 10
Received from all other sources	29 73
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$9,479 05
Less School Board orders paid	9,009 70
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1944	\$ 469 35

MARY K. WILSON  
District Treasurer

July 1, 1944.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE BENNINGTON SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

**For the Year July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1946**

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 130 00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	170 00
Truant Officer and Census	10 00
Expenses of Administration	45 00
Teachers' Salaries	4,275 00
Textbooks	150 00
Scholars' Supplies	150 00
Flags and Appurtenances	10 00
Other Expenses of Instruction	40 00
Janitor's Salary	660 00
Fuel	400 00
Light and Janitors' Supplies	150 00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	200 00
Health Supervision	230 00
Transportation of Pupils	810 00
Payment of Tuition	2,500 00
Other Special Activities	10 00
Insurance	95 00
Other Fixed Charges	210 00
 Total Amount required to meet budget	 \$10,245 00
Estimated balance June 30, 1945	300 00
 	 \$ 9,945 00

DORIS M. PARKER  
MARTHA L. WESTON  
ANNIE S. LINDSAY

School Board of Bennington

Bennington, N. H., February 1, 1945.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

I hereby submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

### ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL BOARD: Doris W. Parker, Chairman; Martha L. Weston, Annie Lindsay, secretary.

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS: Howard F. Mason, Hillsboro, N. H.

SCHOOL NURSE: Margaret Harris, R.N., Keene, N. H.

MUSIC SUPERVISOR: Katherine M. Shea, Hillsboro, N.H.

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN: Harry Dunbar.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER: Friedrika L. Edwards.

Teacher	Grade	N. H. Approval
Mae Cashion	1-2-3	Certificate
Lulu M. Cilley	4-5-6	Certificate
Ruth Cody, Principal	7-8	Certificate

### PUPIL DATA

The following pupils maintained perfect attendance during the school year 1943-44:

Miss Cashion's room: Barbara Whynott.

Miss Cilley's room: Phyllis Whynott.

Mrs. Cody's room: Maurice Wilson.

In September, 1944, the enrollment was as follows: Miss Cashion's room, Grade I, 14; Grade II, 7; Grade III, 12; total for the room, 33; Miss Cilley's room, Grade IV, 7; Grade V, 8; Grade VI, 11; total for the room 26; Mrs. Cody's room, Grade VII, 12; Grade VIII, 5; total for the room, 17; total for the building, 76.

Twenty-four pupils are attending High School, 11 at Hillsboro and 13 at Peterboro. The distribution by grades is: Grade IX, 8; Grade X, 5; Grade XI, 6; Grade XII, 5.

### GENERAL REPORT

It is with sincere gratitude that I can report to you that the Pierce School is now functioning in the best manner that it has been my pleasure to observe its operation during the three years I have been your Superintendent. The children are reasonably well behaved, apply themselves to their studies, and seem to enjoy both their regular work and special activities of the School. There probably are many reasons for this steady improvement because we all know that things of this sort can only be brought about by mutual cooperation. However, there is little doubt in my mind that much of this change has been brought about by your capable, experienced teaching staff. Bennington is indeed fortunate to have such teachers in these hectic war days, when all around us schools are closing down or getting along with poorly trained, substitute, or in various ways, inadequate teachers.

Much consternation was caused this fall over the unwillingness of the O.D.T. to allow the transportation of Bennington High School pupils to Hillsboro and Peterboro. Determined efforts were apparently made by someone to have Mr. Whitney cease carrying the pupils back from Hillsboro and to force Mrs. Bowes to make only one trip. The whole question was picayune and should never have been brought up. High School pupils must and will be allowed an opportunity to obtain the education to which they have a right. The determined effort of many of us eventually cleared the matter up and we do not anticipate any similar difficulty in the future.

All the elementary transporting is being done this year by Mr. John H. Lindsay to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. He makes three trips to Antrim Depot, up the Francestown road and to Mountain road, arriving at the school house with the first load at 8.20 and the last group before 8.55.

A new Encyclopedia was purchased for the school last year. New arithmetic books for all grades were bought this summer for use during the current year. The new reading series was extended up into the third grade. An attempt has been made to provide the pupils with all the things they need to have a full and complete elementary education. From the record our pupils are making at Hillsboro and Peterboro they certainly must have obtained a sound basic education in the Pierce School.

For further current information about the school I refer you to the report of the Principal which follows.

Again it has been a pleasure to work in a pleasant atmosphere of willing cooperation with School Board and Teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD F. MASON,  
Superintendent

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The membership of the School December 22, 1944:

Grades 7-8, 18; Grades 4, 5, 6, 27; Grades 1, 2, 3, 28; total, 73.

Pupils with perfect attendance:

Grades 7-8: Stella Cernota, Raymond Cernota, Patricia Diemond, Sylvio Zanga, Bernard Grant, Daniel McKay, Maurice Wilson.

Grades 4, 5, 6: Nelson Holland, Frances Holland, Edna Paige, Paul Grant, Stephen Chase, Helen Kereazis, Barbara French.

Grades 1, 2, 3: Donald Burke, Robert Cashion, Peter Cardatos, Herbert Wilson, Christ Yakovakis, Alice Powers, Donald Chamberlain, Edward Cernota, Annette Levesque.

The cooperation of the parents and children in solving the tardiness problem is most gratifying. During the first 16 weeks of school the 73 pupils have had only 5 cases of tardiness.

The school has sponsored a Scrap Paper Drive, a Milk Weed Pod Collection, a Prize Speaking Contest to promote Stamp sales, an Old Clothing Drive and weekly sales of War Saving Stamps. The total weekly sales per room are as follows: Grades 7, 8, \$211.95; Grades 4, 5, 6, \$373.95; Grades 1, 2, 3, \$71.90; total \$657.80.

The Pierce School held open house Education Week in November. Invitations were extended to all parents and friends to visit the regular school sessions during the week. Although the number of visitors was not as great as the number attending Education Night last year, we felt it more beneficial for the people to visit regular school sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH CODY,  
Principal

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE**

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To Mr. Howard F. Mason, Superintendent of Schools:

My report of the health work for the year 1944 follows:

Number of pupils examined in November	78
Number of vision defects	5
Number of teeth defects	20
Number of tonsil defects	5
Number of pediculosis cases (attended to)	10
Number of skin diseases	6
Number underweight	30
Number of Chicken Pox Cases	20

Corrections during year:

Number with defective vision	7
Number with defective teeth	31
Number with diseased tonsils	6
Number of school visits	81
Number of classroom inspections	14
Number of home visits	11
Number of hearing tests with the Audiometer	49
Number of retests	4
Number eye tests	70
Number weighed and measured (3 times)	78
Treatments in school	2

Accompanied to Gland Cl., Manchester (2 trips)	1
· Accompanied to Eye Cl., Keene	2
Official visits	3
First Aid Kit replenished.	

The Nurse attended a hearing aids meeting at Manchester and also a demonstration of a new Audiometer at Keene High School.

I thank the Superintendent of Schools, Teachers, Parents and Pupils for their interest and cooperation in the health work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. HARRIS, R.N.



BIRTHS, MARRIAGES

AND DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF

*Bennington, New Hampshire*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31st, 1944



BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BENNINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

Date of Birth 1944	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace		Birthplace of Mother
				Sex	Age	
Jan. 24	Linda E Armstrong	F L 2 John D. Armstrong	Alice M Gammell	New Oxford, Ont.		Heniker
Feb. 13	Joseph M Powers	F L 1 Donald A Powers	Vincena Drago	Bennington		Milford
Mar. 9	Ginger M Prouty	F L 1	Emma Prouty			Grafton, Vt.
Mar. 20	Darrell C Brown	F L 1 Arthur T Brown	Barbara A Leavitt	Concord		Malden, Mass.
Mar. 31	Judy C Champney	F L 3 Alfred J Champney	Eleanor K Dodge	Bennington		Keene
July 31	Maureen J Sullivan	F L 2 George T Sullivan	Helen H Varrouletos	Hillsboro		Bennington
Oct. 19	Richard E Sudsbury	M L 2	Evelyn A M Rollins			Raymond
Oct. 30	Nancy B Cashion	F L 7 Patrick Cashion	Evelyn L Powers	Bennington		Hancock

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BENNINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944**

Date & Place of Marriage 1944	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents
Nov. 4 Hancock	Fred J Barrows Alfreda V Paige	Bennington Bennington	58 W Foxboro, Mass. 41 W Goffstown	Fredrick H Barrows Anna F Bowman Honner E Piper Cora M Shatner Charles F Cole Grace French	Foxboro, Mass. Palmouth, Mass. Groffs Falls Fall River, Mass. Bennington Bennington
Dec. 24 Peterboro	George E Cole Louise B Sweeney	Bennington Peterboro	21 S Bennington 19 S Deering	Albury R Sweeney Florence E Oliver	Baldwinville, Ms. Keene

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF BENNINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944**

Date 1944	Place of Death	Name	Age			Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days			
Jan. 28	Bennington	Thomas A Bavelas	53	3	18	Argos, Greece	Andrew Bavelas	Myrtie B Thompson
Feb. 22	Bennington	Olive Ellen Murray	31	2	11	Antrim	David A Murray	Mary Young
May 29	Bennington	Charles Miller Taylor	63	4	29	Brechen, Scot'd	James Taylor	Ann Burke
Oct. 28	Bennington	Flora Lillian Griswold	73	10	24	Bennington	Benjamin Dutton	Rozelia Pond
Nov. 11	Bennington	Ora Milton Parker	63	13		Nelson	Josiah Parker	Ruth J Stearns
Nov. 29	Bennington	Mary Jane Scarbo	87	11	23	Antrim	Nahum B Swett	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN H. LINDSAY, Town Clerk.





